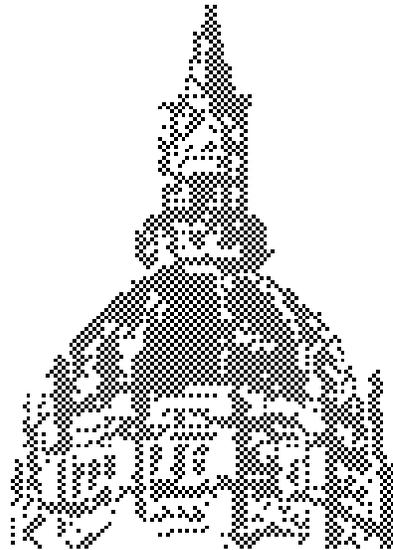




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GENERAL APPOINTMENT PROVISIONS

The following provisions generally apply to all appointments and confirmations. In addition, there are provisions applying to the appointment of “department heads” and, in some cases, provisions applying only to the appointment and confirmation of particular offices.

Appointees’ Terms

Unless otherwise specified, all appointees hold office for the term prescribed by law and until a successor is appointed and qualified. Appointees are not compensated unless prescribed by law, but may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses (CGS § [4-1](#)).

The Pleasure of the Appointing Authority and Length of Term

If a term is not specified by law, appointed officials, including members of boards and commissions, serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority, but not longer than the term of the appointing authority or until a successor is appointed and qualified (CGS § [4-1a](#)).

Coterminous

“Coterminous” means that an appointee’s term ends on the same day as that of the appointing authority. For practical purposes, the term of a department head is coterminous with that of the governor’s. But in a legal sense, a department head’s term is not. Instead, a department head’s term ends on the March 1 following the beginning of a governor’s term. This provision enables a smooth transition of power.

Deadline for Making Nominations

The law generally requires gubernatorial nominations that must be confirmed by the legislature to be made on or before May 1. If a vacancy results from a death occurring on or after May 1 and before legislative adjournment, the governor must nominate a replacement as soon as possible (CGS § [4-2](#)).

Term of Legislative Appointees

Unless provided otherwise, the term of a legislative appointee begins on the July 1 following his or her appointment (CGS § [4-3](#)).

Term of Gubernatorial Appointees

Unless provided otherwise, the term of a gubernatorial appointee begins on the July 1 following appointment, but the term of the governor's staff, executive secretary, and clerk begin on the date of appointment (CGS § [4-4](#)).

Senate Appointment Deadline

The Senate, except for confirming department heads, must take final action on each gubernatorial nomination within 15 session days from the date on which the nomination has been sent to it by the governor, or before adjournment, whichever is sooner. If the Senate fails to act by its deadline, the law allows the governor to fill the position without confirmation until the sixth Wednesday of the next session and until a successor is appointed and qualified (CGS § [2-39](#)). The Senate's deadline for confirming department heads is controlled by the law for such appointments, described in the next section.

DEPARTMENT HEAD APPOINTMENT PROCESS

The law establishes special procedures for the nomination and appointment of department heads.

Appointment and Term of Department Heads

The governor must appoint each department head by March 1 of the first year of the governor's term with the advice and consent of either chamber of the General Assembly. Department heads serve at the pleasure of the governor, but not longer than four years from March 1 in the year of appointment, unless reappointed. If a department head is not appointed by March 1, the incumbent may continue to serve until March 10 (CGS § [4-6](#)).

Confirmation Process

The governor must make the nominations for all department heads by February 1 of the first year of the gubernatorial term. A nomination may be made to either chamber of the General Assembly. That chamber has sole responsibility for confirming the nomination.

The law identifies which office is a "department head" for the purposes of the statutory confirmation procedure. The list of offices includes, among others, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, commissioners of state departments, certain executive directors, and the State Board of Education (CGS § [4-5](#)).

Confirming Nominations

The chamber that received the governor's nomination must "immediately refer" it to its committee on executive nominations. The committee must report by resolution within 15 calendar days after the date of reference. The chamber must accept or reject the resolution. If confirmed, a nominee takes office on March 1 of the year in which he or she is nominated, with two exceptions (CGS § [4-7\(a\)](#)). One, if a nominee is not appointed or reappointed by March 1, the incumbent may continue to serve until March 10. Two, if a department head position is vacant before March 1 during the first year of a governor's term, the nominee may exercise the powers and duties of the office as a designate before confirmation (CGS § [4-7\(b\)\(2\)](#)).

Vacancy Appointments During a Regular Session. If a vacancy occurs when the General Assembly is in regular session, the governor must submit a nomination to fill it within 30 days of its occurrence. The chamber must immediately refer the nomination to its committee on executive nominations. The committee has 10 legislative days to report its resolution. If the chamber confirms the nomination within 30 calendar days after it is submitted, the nominee takes office and serves until the end of the original term. If the chamber rejects the nomination within 30 calendar days after it is submitted, the governor must, within 30 days of the rejection, submit another nomination. If a nomination is submitted within 30 days of a session's constitutional adjournment date and the legislature does not confirm or reject it, the procedure for filling vacancies that occur during the interim must be followed (CGS § [4-7\(b\)\(1\)](#)).

Vacancy Appointments During the Interim. If a vacancy occurs during a legislative interim, the governor must fill it until the sixth Wednesday of the next regular session. The governor must submit the name of the vacancy appointee to either chamber for confirmation at the beginning of the next regular session. The chamber to which the nomination was submitted must follow the procedure for vacancies occurring when the General Assembly is in session (CGS § [4-7\(c\)](#)).

Rejected Nominations. No one whose nomination has been rejected by resolution may serve in the office for which he was nominated during the term of the chamber that rejected him (CGS § [4-7\(d\)](#)).

Qualifications, Duties, and Powers

The law requires department heads to be qualified by training and experience for the duties of their office. They must act as the governor's executive officer to accomplish their department's purposes. They must plan comprehensively and coordinate their agencies' programs, organize their agency to promote economy and efficiency, and designate deputies to act on their behalf when absent. They may abolish, transfer, or consolidate the parts of the agency; make regulations; enter into contracts; receive money, revenue, or services from the federal government, corporations, associations, or individuals; and create advisory boards.

They must devote their full time to their duties with the department and may not engage in any other gainful employment (CGS § [4-8](#)).

CONFLICTING OR OBSOLETE STATUTORY PROVISIONS

There are conflicting statutory provisions concerning the appointment and confirmation of certain offices. In 1995, the General Assembly abolished the Department of Liquor Control, transferred its functions to the Department of Consumer Protection, and reconstituted the commission by making the consumer protection commissioner its chairperson. Even though the department no longer exists, the law on legislative confirmation designates the Liquor Control Commission as a department head and requires appointments to it to be confirmed by the legislature. In practice, the governor has not submitted commission appointees to the legislature for confirmation since the department was abolished in 1995.

The statute requiring legislative confirmation designates the State Board of Education as a “department head” subject to legislative confirmation by either chamber of the legislature. The statute creating the board requires consent by both chambers. In practice, nominees to the board have been confirmed by both chambers.

The law requires the legislature to confirm the appointment of the chairperson of two quasi-public agencies that are no longer active. The Lower Fairfield County Conference or Exhibition Authority put itself “on hold” in 1997 and the last time the governor submitted the name of an appointee for confirmation was in 1992. The Connecticut Housing Authority’s duties have been transferred to the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority and the last time the governor submitted the name of an appointee for confirmation was in 1995.

Because these offices do not require confirmation or these agencies are not in existence, this report does not include: the Liquor Control Commission, the chairperson of the Lower Fairfield County Conference or Exhibition Authority, or the chairperson of the Connecticut Housing Authority.

DEPARTMENT HEADS

The following offices are designated as department heads by statute (CGS § [4-5](#), as amended by PA 11-44, § 31; 11-48, § 13; 11-51, § 46; and 11-80, § 3).

Commissioner of Administrative Services (CGS §§ 4a-1, 4a-2, and 46-2, as amended by PA 11-51)

The commissioner is responsible for establishing personnel policy and personnel administration for state employees; publishing laws, stationery, and forms; purchasing and providing supplies, materials and equipment for state agencies; and collecting funds due the state for public assistance.

Concerning state property, the commissioner is responsible for purchasing, selling, leasing, subleasing and acquiring property and space for state agencies; selling or exchanging surplus state property; maintaining a complete and current inventory of all state owned or leased property and premises, including space-utilization data; and supervising the care and control and administering the security for most state buildings and grounds.

Concerning information technology, the commissioner is responsible for developing and updating an annual information and telecommunications strategic plan; identifying and implementing telecommunication systems to efficiently service state agencies and opportunities for reducing costs associated with these systems; approving state agency acquisition of hardware and software and consultant contracts; leasing, purchasing, and contracting for information system and telecommunications facilities for most state agencies; and processing all state agency telecommunications bills.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Term Ends:</i> March 1 following the start of the governor's term.
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Commissioner of Agriculture (CGS §§ 22-4 and 22-6)

The commissioner must encourage and promote the development of agriculture, investigate practical methods of husbandry, and publish (1) information and statistics about agriculture and animal industries and interests and (2) bulletins in cooperation with the University of Connecticut, among other things.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Term Ends:</i> March 1 following the start of the governor's term.
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Commissioner of Banking (CGS §§ 36a-10 et seq.; 36a-50 et seq.)

The commissioner may adopt regulations necessary to administer the department, investigate and examine anyone concerning issues within his jurisdiction, hold a hearing in connection with an application or on an issue within his jurisdiction, and take certain enforcement actions. He is also responsible for reporting annually on (1) the condition of banks and other organizations the Banking Department examines, (2) administration of the Truth-in-Lending Act, (3) home financing, (4) interstate banking, and (5) the issuance of final certificates of authority to expedited banks.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Term Ends:</i> March 1 following the start of the governor's term.
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Commissioner of Children and Families (CGS §§ 17a-5 and 17a-6)

The commissioner is responsible for establishing facilities and services for children and families under its care. These include child protective, foster care, and family services; juvenile justice services; substance abuse and related services; mental health services; and prevention and educational services.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor, after consultation with the Council on Children and Families	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Term Ends:</i> March 1 following the start of the governor's term.
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Commissioner of Construction Services (PA 11-51, § 45)

The commissioner is responsible for administering most state capital improvement construction and planning projects; selecting consultants to assist on such projects; providing technical advice and services to state agencies planning to improve their physical space; cooperating with others to develop a capital program and budget for the state; enforcing the state building and fire safety codes; and, in consultation with the education commissioner, overseeing school construction grants.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Term Ends:</i> March 1 following the start of the governor's term.
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Commissioner of Consumer Protection (CGS §§ 21a-1 and 21a-11, as amended by PA 11-51)

The commissioner is responsible for administering a regulatory agency that, among other things, investigates consumer complaints about unfair or deceptive trade practices; licenses certain professionals and tradesmen; oversees the sale of alcoholic beverages; prevents the sale of adulterated or contaminated food; regulates the distribution of prescription drugs; and implements and administers the state's gaming laws.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Term Ends:</i> March 1 following the start of the governor's term.
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Commissioner of Correction (CGS §§ 18-80 and 18-81)

The commissioner administers the department's institutions, facilities, and activities; establishes custodial and rehabilitative methods and operates community-based programs; is responsible for supervision of people released on parole; establishes disciplinary, treatment, education, training, and other services and programs throughout the department; and arranges for legal services for indigent inmates within available appropriations. The commissioner must be an experienced correctional administrator.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Term Ends:</i> March 1 following the start of the governor's term.
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Commissioner of Developmental Services (CGS § 17a-210)

The commissioner administers the Department of Developmental Services, including the operation of the state training school, developmental services regions, and state-operated residential facilities. He plans, develops, and implements programs and services for people with intellectual disability and autism; investigates allegations of abuse against such people; and develops eligibility criteria for their placement in public or private residential care.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Term Ends:</i> March 1 following the start of the governor's term.
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Commissioner of Economic and Community Development (CGS § 32-1b, as amended by PA 11-48)

The commissioner's duties include managing the department, whose jurisdiction includes housing and economic development. The commissioner's housing duties include financing elderly and low- and moderate-income housing. Her economic development duties include helping businesses, towns, and nonprofit agencies finance industrial and office parks, develop facilities, and acquire machinery providing financial assistance to businesses, towns, and nonprofit agencies for developing industrial parks, constructing or expanding new facilities, acquiring machinery and equipment, and cleaning up and redeveloping polluted properties. The commissioner chairs the state's housing and economic development quasi-public agencies. Lastly, she plans and implements the state's culture and tourism policies and programs.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Term Ends:</i> March 1 following the start of the governor's term.
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Commissioner of Education (CGS §§ 10-3a and 4-5)

The education commissioner is the State Department of Education’s administrative officer. The commissioner coordinates, administers, and supervises the department according to policies set by the State Board of Education, which is its statutory department head.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor, upon the recommendation of the State Board of Education	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Term Ends:</i> March 1 following the start of the governor’s term.
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

State Board of Education (CGS §§ 10-1 and 10-4)

The board is the central policy-making authority for public education including preschool, elementary, and secondary education; special education; and vocational education. It (1) recommends a nominee for education commissioner to the governor; (2) oversees state vocational-technical (V-T) schools; (3) authorizes charter and inter-district magnet schools; (4) adjudicates complaints against local boards of education that fail to implement the state’s educational interests; and (5) serves as the final administrative appeal board for issuing and revoking teaching certificates and other educational credentials required for working in Connecticut public schools.

<i>Membership:</i> 13 – 11 voting members, two nonvoting student members	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Commissioner of Higher Education is <i>ex officio</i> member	
<i>Term:</i> Voting members – four years, members’ terms are staggered.	<i>Term Ends:</i> March 1 following the start of the governor’s term.
<i>Term:</i> Student members – one year.	<i>Term Ends:</i> March 1 following the start of the governor’s term.
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Both chambers (CGS § 10-1 requires confirmation by both chambers; CGS § 4-5 designates the board as a “department head,” which requires confirmation by one chamber. In practice, both chambers have voted to confirm nominees.)	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Part time	<i>Paid:</i> No, reimbursed for necessary expenses

Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) (PA 11-51, §§ 133 and 134)

The commissioner is the administrative head and commanding officer of DESPP and the administrative head of the department’s Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS). He must

appoint a state police officer as deputy commissioner of the State Police and a deputy commissioner to head DEMHS. Among other things, he must (1) provide a coordinated program for protecting life and property and responding to statewide emergency management and homeland security issues; (2) enforce commercial motor vehicle laws at weigh stations; and (3) investigate the cause, circumstances and origins of fires involving property damage, personal injury, or death. He serves on the Coordinating Advisory Board and State-wide Security Management Council, among other boards and councils.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Term Ends:</i> March 1 following the start of the governor's term
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection (PA 11-80, §§ 1 and 56)

The commissioner is responsible for implementing the state's energy and environmental policies; coordinating the management of water, land, and air resources; protecting plants and all types of wildlife, including the preservation of endangered species; providing for pollution abatement, controlling pests, and regulating pesticide use; regulating waste disposal; developing a comprehensive energy plan for the state; transitioning the state to cleaner, more diverse and sustainable energy sources; and creating opportunities for energy conservation and cost reduction.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Term Ends:</i> March 1 following the start of the governor's term.
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Board of Regents for Higher Education, President (PA 11-48, § 212)

The president implements the board's policies and directives; directs the board's executive staff; administers, coordinates, and supervises the board's activities; builds interdependent support and facilitates cooperation among institutions under its jurisdiction; balances central authority with institutional differentiation, autonomy, and creativity; and implements a strategic master plan for higher education.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor, upon the recommendation of the Board of Regents for Higher Education	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Term Ends:</i> March 1 following the start of the governor's term.
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Insurance Commissioner (CGS § 38a-8)

The commissioner is responsible for (1) administering and enforcing insurance laws; (2) protecting the public interest in insurance matters; (3) developing a review program to ensure the department's compliance with the minimum standards established by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners for effective financial surveillance and regulation of insurance companies and HMOs; (4) establishing a program to electronically transmit documents, including policy form and rate filings, to and from insurers; and (5) maintaining the confidentiality of information collected or prepared in connection with examinations and investigations of companies and consumer complaints.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Term Ends:</i> March 1 following the start of the governor's term.
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Commissioner of Labor (CGS §§ 31-1 to 31-3)

The commissioner must collect and publish data on employment, unemployment, and employee earnings; provide the governor with analysis of current and anticipated employment needs; and coordinate all employment and training programs. He must administer numerous labor laws including minimum wage, youth employment, family and medical leave, unemployment insurance compensation, and prevailing wage. He has the power to summon and examine witnesses as needed under state labor laws.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Term Ends:</i> March 1 following the start of the governor's term.
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services (CGS § 17a-451)

The commissioner establishes and enforces standards for the treatment of people with psychiatric disabilities, substance abuse disabilities, or both in public and private facilities; may investigate the serious injury or unexpected death of anyone who received treatment within one year of the occurrence; and is responsible for developing and implementing state mental health and substance abuse plans.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor, with advice from the Mental Health and Addiction Services Board	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Term Ends:</i> March 1 following the start of the governor's term.
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Office of Military Affairs, Executive Director (CGS § 32-58b)

The executive director heads the Office of Military Affairs. Within available appropriations he must:

1. coordinate state and local efforts to prevent the closure or reduction in size of Connecticut military facilities, particularly the Groton submarine base;
2. maximize the state's role in the federal Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process, including acting as liaison to (a) the state's congressional delegation on defense, military, and BRAC issues and (b) consultant lobbyists the state hires to help monitor BRAC activities;
3. encourage the relocation of military missions to Connecticut;
4. coordinate state and local efforts to enhance the quality of life of military personnel and their families living or working in Connecticut;
5. review and make recommendations for state policies that affect Connecticut military facilities and the defense and homeland security industries;
6. coordinate state, regional, and local efforts to encourage the growth of Connecticut's defense and homeland security industry;

7. support the development of a defense and homeland security industry cluster;
8. establish and coordinate a Connecticut Military and Defense Advisory Council to provide technical advice and assistance;
9. oversee the implementation of recommendations of the Governor's Commission for the Economic Diversification of Southeastern Connecticut; and
10. prepare and submit a report of activities, findings, and recommendations annually to the governor and Commerce and Public Safety and Security committees.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Term Ends:</i> March 1 following the start of the governor's term.
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Commissioner of Motor Vehicles (CGS § 14-2 et seq.)

The motor vehicle commissioner's duties include (1) enforcing the motor vehicle laws; (2) issuing drivers' licenses, commercial drivers' licenses, non-driver photo identification cards, motor vehicle registrations, motor vehicle titles, and other documents relating to the licensing of drivers and the registration of vehicles; (3) conducting administrative hearings relating to license and registration suspensions or revocations and DMV-licensed businesses; (4) licensing various motor vehicle-related businesses, such as motor vehicle dealers and repairers, manufacturers, automobile clubs, and driving schools; (5) administering registration-based enforcement systems relating to uninsured drivers, unpaid municipal property taxes, and unpaid municipal parking tickets; (6) administering the Connecticut motor vehicle exhaust emissions inspection program; and (7) conducting truck weight and safety inspections, and safety inspections of school buses, public service vehicles, totaled and rebuilt vehicles, and certain other vehicles.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Term Ends:</i> March 1 following the start of the governor's term.
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (CGS § 4-65a)

The secretary is responsible for all aspects of state staff planning and analysis for budgeting, management, energy policy, intergovernmental policy, criminal and juvenile justice, and program evaluation; maintaining financial records, examining agencies to determine their effectiveness, and recommending ways to improve state agencies; and serving as the employer representative in collective bargaining between the state and most state employee unions.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Term Ends:</i> March 1 following the start of the governor's term.
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Commissioner of Public Health (CGS §§ 19a-1a, -1d, and -2)

The commissioner must utilize the most efficient and practical means of preventing and suppressing disease; be responsible for the overall operation and administration of the department; contract for facilities, services, and programs to implement the purposes of the department; secure, compile, and disseminate data on prevention and control of epidemics; inspect health care institutions; and oversee local directors of health.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Term Ends:</i> March 1 following the start of the governor's term.
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Board of Rehabilitative Services, Director (PA 11-44, §§ 1(b) et seq.)

The director has the power to create sections within the bureau to facilitate program administration, including a disability determinations section. Other areas for which the director is responsible are the functions and duties formerly held by the directors of the Commission on the Deaf and Hearing Impaired, the Board of Education and Services for the Blind, and the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, whose functions are subsumed by the new agency. The director also is responsible for the handicapped driver training program unit and the employee rehabilitation program of the Workers' Compensation Commission.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Term Ends:</i> March 1 following the start of governor's term
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Commissioner of Revenue Services (CGS §§ 12-2, -3, -7a, and -7b)

The commissioner may (1) adopt regulations and issue administrative pronouncements interpreting state tax laws, (2) make agreements with other states concerning reciprocal enforcement of tax laws, and (3) negotiate agreements to collect municipal fees and taxes on behalf of municipalities. The commissioner must maintain lists of delinquent taxpayers and report certain tax data to the Office of Fiscal Analysis.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Term Ends:</i> March 1 following the start of the governor's term.
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Commissioner of Social Services (CGS § 17b-3)

The commissioner is responsible for administering social services programs including Temporary Assistance to Needy Families and Medicaid; promoting economic self-sufficiency; facilitating communication among federal, state, municipal, and private agencies; and applying for and receiving federal funds.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Term Ends:</i> March 1 following the start of the governor's term.
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Commissioner of Transportation (CGS §§ 13b-3 and 13b-4, as amended by PA 11-84)

The transportation commissioner is responsible for all aspects of the planning, development, maintenance, and improvement of transportation in the state. Specific duties include: developing a comprehensive, integrated transportation policy; operating a modern, safe system of highway, mass transit, and marine; cooperating with federal, state, interstate, and local agencies performing transportation activities;

providing for the construction and repair of capital improvements needed to operate a safe and efficient transportation system; and promoting coordinated and efficient use of all available and future modes of transportation.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Term Ends:</i> March 1 following the start of the governor's term.
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs (CGS § 27-102I)

The commissioner is responsible for administering the Veterans' Home; operating a Veterans' Advocacy and Assistance Unit; collecting and disseminating information on services and facilities available to help veterans; helping veterans to prepare, present, and establish claims, privileges, rights, and other benefits accruing to them under federal, state and local laws; developing and preparing a long-range plan and mission statement for the Veterans' Home and the veterans' advocacy and assistance unit; and reviewing veterans' appeals of denials of admission to various department programs and benefits.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Term Ends:</i> March 1 following the start of the governor's term.
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

NON-DEPARTMENT HEAD INDIVIDUALS

Auditors of Public Accounts (CGS §§ 2-89 and 2-90)

The Office of the Auditors of Public Accounts is a legislative agency whose primary mission is to conduct audits of all state agencies. Two auditors head the office. The auditors may not be in the same political party.

The auditors’ office audits the books and accounts of each state officer, department, commission, board, and court; all state-supported institutions; and each quasi-public agency. They must report any unauthorized, illegal, irregular, or unsafe handling or expenditure of state funds or any breakdown in the safekeeping of any state resources to the governor, state comptroller, General Assembly, Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee, and the attorney general. The auditors also investigate whistleblower complaints.

<i>Appointed by:</i> General Assembly	
<i>Term:</i> Four years; auditors’ terms are staggered	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Both chambers	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Child Advocate (CGS §§ 46a-13k and 46a-13l, as amended by PA 11-48)

The child advocate’s duties include evaluating state agency service delivery to children; reviewing agency procedures to protect children’s rights; investigating complaints and, when indicated, advocating on behalf of a child’s best interests; taking all possible actions to ensure the legal, civil, and special rights of children; and providing technical training to attorneys representing children. The Office of the Child Advocate is a division within the Office of Government Accountability but has independent decision-making authority.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor from a list created by advisory committee to the Office of the Child Advocate	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Both chambers	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Claims Commissioner (CGS §§ 4-142 and 4-142a)

The claims commissioner hears and determines claims against the state and decides whether a claim is a “just claim.” A “just claim” is a claim, which in equity and justice the state should pay, provided the state has caused damage or injury or has received a benefit.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Both chambers	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Consumer Counsel (CGS § 16-2a(c))

The consumer counsel acts as the advocate for consumer interests in all matters that may affect Connecticut consumers concerning public service companies, electric suppliers, and certified telecommunications providers. The consumer counsel is authorized to appear in and participate in any regulatory or judicial proceedings (federal or state) in which state consumers’ interests may be involved, or in which matters affecting utility services rendered may be involved. The consumer counsel is a party to each contested case before the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority and must participate in such proceedings to the extent deemed necessary.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Five years, unless removed for misconduct, material neglect of duty, incompetence, or active participation in political management or campaigns. See Attorney General’s Opinion 96-7	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

State Contracting Standards Board, Executive Director (CGS § 4e-2, as amended by PA 11-48)

The board has various responsibilities associated with state contracting processes, including adopting procurement regulations and reviewing, monitoring, and auditing state contracting agencies’ procurement processes. The executive director serves as an ex-officio, nonvoting board member. In consultation with the chief procurement officer (CPO), the executive director must:

1. prepare a comprehensive plan of the board’s administrative functions,

2. coordinate the board's budget and personnel activities,
3. provide for the board's administrative organization to be examined for economy and efficiency,
4. act as the board's external liaison, and
5. perform any other duties the chairperson or board assigns, as appropriate.

For administrative purposes only, the executive director supervises the CPO. The executive director may contract as necessary to carry out his or her duties. The board is a division within the Office of Government Accountability but maintains independent decision-making authority.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Coterminous:</i> Yes
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Department of Developmental Services, Ombudsman (CGS § 17a-210a)

The developmental services ombudsman receives complaints affecting consumers under the care of the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) or agencies with which the department contracts for services and recommends to the DDS commissioner ways to resolve these complaints.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Both chambers	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Office of Governmental Accountability, Executive Administrator (PA 11-48, § 59)

The executive administrator is responsible for developing a plan for the Office of Government Accountability to merge and provide consolidated personnel, payroll, affirmative action, and administrative and business office functions, including information technology associated with these functions, for its nine independent divisions: the Office of State Ethics, State Elections Enforcement Commission, Freedom of Information Commission, Judicial Review Council, Judicial Selection Commission, Board of Firearms Permit Examiners, Office of the Child Advocate, Office of the Victim Advocate, and State Contracting Standards Board.

The executive administrator must submit a report to the Appropriations, Government Administrations and Elections, Judiciary, Children's, Public Safety, and Human Services committees on (1) the merger's status and (2) any recommendations for further legislative action concerning the merger, including recommendations to further consolidate and merge the nine agencies' functions.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Healthcare Advocate (CGS §§ 38a-1040 to -1050)

The Healthcare Advocate directs the Office of the Healthcare Advocate. The advocate assists health insurance consumers (1) with managed care plan selection by providing information and assistance, (2) in understanding their rights and responsibilities under managed care plans, and (3) with filing complaints and appeals. She also provides information to the public, agencies, and legislators on problems and concerns of consumers and reviews consumers' health insurance records and pursues administrative remedies on their behalf and with their written consent. The advocate must be a state elector with expertise and experience in healthcare, health insurance, and consumer advocacy.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor, based on a list of candidates prepared by an advisory committee	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Both chambers	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Human Rights Referee (CGS § 46a-57)

Human rights referees conduct settlement negotiations and hearings to determine whether discrimination has occurred and to determine appropriate remedies when they find that discrimination has occurred. A human rights referee must be an attorney admitted to the practice of law in Connecticut. Any licensed attorney who is able and willing to hear discriminatory practice complaints may submit his or her name to the Governor for consideration for appointment as a human rights referee.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Three years	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Both chambers	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Legislative Commissioners (CGS §§ 2-54 and 2-56)

The Legislative Commissioners’ Office drafts bills and amendments and conducts related legal research. It reviews all bills and resolutions favorably reported by legislative committees for statutory consistency, clarity, and constitutionality; prepares and prints file copies of amendments and each bill favorably reported by legislative committees; indexes and publishes public acts and special acts; codifies public acts; prepares histories of each enactment; and prepares annotations of court cases construing statutory language. The office is under the general direction of two commissioners. A director manages the day-to-day operations of the office.

<i>Appointed by:</i> General Assembly	
<i>Term:</i> Four years, commissioners’ terms are staggered	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Both chambers	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Part time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Office of Financial and Academic Affairs for Higher Education, Executive Director (PA 11-48, § 244)

The executive director implements the office’s policies and directives, which include, among other things, oversight of private occupational schools, scholarship and financial aid programs, and the alternate route to teaching certification program.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> 4 years	<i>Term Ends:</i> Coterminous with governor or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Connecticut Siting Council, Chairperson (CGS § 16-50j)

The council is responsible for the site regulation of electric generating facilities and substations of utilities and large power producers, fuel and electric transmission lines, community antenna television towers, cellular telephone towers, and telecommunications towers; hazardous waste management facilities; low-level radioactive waste management facilities; and ash residue management facilities. In its siting regulation, the council balances the need for adequate and reliable public services at the lowest reasonable cost to consumers with the need to protect the environment and ecology of the state. The legislature must confirm the appointment of a council member as chairperson. The legislature does not confirm the appointments of other board members.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor from among the five public members appointed by him to the council.	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Coterminous:</i> Yes
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Part time	<i>Paid:</i> Compensated for attendance at public hearings, executive sessions, or other council business as may be required at a daily rate of \$150; annual compensation cannot exceed \$12,000.

Victim Advocate (CGS § 46a-13b, as amended by PA 11-48)

The Office of the Victim Advocate is an independent state agency intended to evaluate and monitor how victims are treated by the criminal justice system. It monitors and evaluates the provision of services to victims of crime and advances policies throughout the state that promote the fair and just treatment of victims throughout the criminal justice system. The office is a division within the Office of Government Accountability but maintains independent decision-making authority.

<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Both chambers	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CGS § 46a-52)

The commission oversees the state agency that enforces anti-discrimination laws. Its duties include (1) compiling facts concerning discrimination in employment and civil liberty violations; (2) investigating discrimination cases; (3) reporting on its investigations, proceedings, and hearings and their results; (4) making legislative recommendations; and (5) monitoring state contracts.

<i>Membership:</i> Nine members	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor appoints five	
<i>Appointed by:</i> The four top legislative leaders each appoint one member	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor appoints the chairperson	
<i>Term:</i> Gubernatorial appointees serve five-year terms; members' terms are staggered	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Term:</i> Legislative appointees serve three-year terms; members' terms are staggered	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Both chambers	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Part time	<i>Paid:</i> Reimbursed for necessary expenses

Connecticut River Valley Flood Control Commission (CGS §§ 25-99 and -100)

The commission is established under the Connecticut River Valley Flood Control Compact formed by Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Each state appoints three members. It is advisory and intended to promote interstate comity, assure adequate storage capacity for impounding river waters to protect against flooding, and to be an interstate agency to cooperatively control flooding.

<i>Membership:</i> Three members from Connecticut	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Six years; members' terms are staggered	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Senate	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Part time	<i>Paid:</i> Reimbursed for necessary expenses

Criminal Justice Commission (CGS § 51-275a)

The commission appoints the chief state’s attorney, who is the head of the Division of Criminal Justice, and it appoints two deputy chief state’s attorneys (one for operations and one for personnel, finance, and administration), a state’s attorney for each judicial district, assistant state’s attorneys, and deputy assistant state’s attorneys.

The commission may remove the chief state’s attorney from office for misconduct, material neglect of duty, or incompetence. It may reprimand, demote, suspend, or remove from office state’s attorneys, assistant state’s attorneys, and deputy assistant state’s attorneys for just cause.

<i>Membership:</i> Seven members, two must be judges and one is the Chief State’s Attorney	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor appoints six	
<i>Appointed by:</i> The Chief State’s Attorney is an <i>ex officio</i> member	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor appoints the chairperson	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Coterminous:</i> Yes
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Both chambers	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Part time	<i>Paid:</i> Reimbursed for actual expenses

Education Arbitration Panel (CGS § 10-153f (a))

Panel members resolve disputed issues in teacher or school administrator collective bargaining negotiations if the impasse is not resolved by negotiation or mediation. The parties can either agree on a single impartial representative chosen from the panel or each can select a party arbitrator from the panel to represent their interests, with the education commissioner randomly selecting a third neutral arbitrator from the panel if the parties cannot agree on the third.

<i>Membership:</i> 24 to 29 members. Seven must represent unions of certified employees. Seven must represent the interests of local and regional boards of education. From 10 to 15 must be impartial representatives of the public experienced in public sector collective bargaining interest impasse resolution.	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor from lists submitted by unions (for union arbitrators), boards of education (for board arbitrators), and the State Board of Education (for neutral arbitrators).	
<i>Term:</i> Two years	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Both chambers	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Part time	<i>Paid:</i> Per diem fee plus reimbursement for necessary expenses (paid by parties to disputes)

State Elections Enforcement Commission (CGS §§ 9-7a to 9-7c, as amended by PA 11-48)

The State Election Enforcement Commission, among other things, investigates alleged election law violations, inspects campaign finance records and reports, administers the Citizens' Election Program, refers evidence of violations to the Chief State's Attorney or to the Attorney General, levies civil penalties for certain elections violations, issues advisory opinions, and makes legislative recommendations to the General Assembly. It regularly conducts training sessions for candidates, campaign treasurers, and others concerning campaign finance requirements. The commission is a division within the Office of Government Accountability but has independent decision-making authority.

<i>Membership:</i> Five members, no more than two may be from the same political party and at least one cannot be affiliated with any political party	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor appoints one	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Four top legislative leaders appoint one each	
<i>Term:</i> Three years; members' terms are staggered; members cannot serve consecutive terms	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Both chambers	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Part time	<i>Paid:</i> \$200 per diem and reimbursed for necessary expenses

Freedom of Information Commission (CGS §§ 1-205 and 1-205a, as amended by PA 11-48)

The Freedom of Information Commission reviews complaints about Freedom of Information Act violations and ensures that the public has access to government records and notice of public meetings. It can investigate alleged violations and, among other things, hold hearings, administer oaths, examine witnesses, receive oral and documentary evidence, and subpoena witnesses.

The commission must conduct annual training sessions, together with the Department of Information Technology, to educate state and municipal public agency employees about freedom of information compliance. The commission is a division within the Office of Government Accountability but has independent decision-making authority.

<i>Membership:</i> Nine members, no more than five may be from the same political party	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor appoints five	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Four top legislative leaders appoint one each	
<i>Term:</i> Four years, staggered terms	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Part time	<i>Paid:</i> \$200 per diem and reimbursed for necessary expenses

Gaming Policy Board (CGS §§ 12-557d and 12-557e)

The board is responsible for approving and suspending gambling licenses; approving off-track betting contracts for facilities, goods, and services; approving the types of pari-mutuel betting permitted; advising the consumer protection commissioner on the types of betting permitted; helping the executive director develop gambling regulations; hearing gambling appeals; and advising the governor on legalized gambling plans and goals.

<i>Membership:</i> Five members, no more than three members of the same political party	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years; members serve staggered terms	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Both chambers	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Part time	<i>Paid:</i> \$50 per diem and reimbursed for necessary expenses

Judicial Review Council (CGS § 51-51k, as amended by PA 11-48)

The Judicial Review Council investigates complaints against judges, workers' compensation commissioners, and family support magistrates and makes recommendations regarding their reappointment and, in the case of judges, appointment to a different court. The council can admonish, censure, or suspend any of them for up to one year or recommend to the Supreme Court a longer suspension or removal from office.

The council must investigate complaints and, if it finds probable cause, hold hearings. Its proceedings are, for the most part, confidential unless the subject of the investigation wants them public. The council is a division within the Office of Government Accountability but maintains independent decision-making authority.

<i>Membership:</i> 12 members (three judges, three attorneys, and six public members) and 13 alternates	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years; members' terms are staggered	<i>Coterminous:</i> no
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Both chambers	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Part time	<i>Paid:</i> Reimbursed for necessary expenses

Connecticut State Board of Labor Relations (CGS § 31-102)

The board protects the rights of public sector and some private sector employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations. It protects the right of employees and employers to bargain collectively and rules on alleged unfair labor practices on the part of employers or unions. The board administers the major portion of four collective bargaining statutes: (1) Municipal Employee Relations Act, (2) State Employee Relations Act, (3) Teacher Negotiation Act, and (4) State Labor Relations Act.

<i>Membership:</i> Three members	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Six years	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Both chambers	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Part time	<i>Paid:</i> \$150 per diem

Connecticut Medical Examining Board (CGS § 20-8a)

The board, which is within the Department of Public Health (DPH), must (1) hear and decide matters concerning suspension or revocation of a practitioner's license, (2) adjudicate complaints against practitioners, and (3) impose sanctions where appropriate. The board must refer all statements of charges filed with the board by DPH to a medical hearing panel within 60 days of receiving the charges. The board then reviews the proposed final decisions of the medical hearing panels. It may adopt, modify, or remand the decisions for further review or the taking of additional evidence.

<i>Membership:</i> 15 members (nine physicians, one physician assistant, and five public members)	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Coterminous:</i> Yes
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Part time	<i>Paid:</i> Reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses

Metro North New Haven Rail Commuter Council (CGS § 13b-212b)

The council studies and investigates the daily operation of the New Haven commuter railroad line; monitors its performance and recommends changes to improve its efficiency and quality of service; and annually makes findings and recommendations to the governor, transportation commissioner, Connecticut Public Transportation Commission, General Assembly, the New York Metro North Rail Commuter Council, and the Management Advisory Board and Office of the Inspector General of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority in New York.

<i>Membership:</i> 15 members	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor appoints four members	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Senate president pro tempore and House speaker appoint three members each	
<i>Appointed by:</i> House and Senate minority leaders appoint one member each	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Transportation Committee chairpersons appoint one member each	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Transportation Committee ranking members jointly appoint one member	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Both chambers	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Part time	<i>Paid:</i> Reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses

Milk Regulation Board (CGS §§ 22-131 and 22-133)

The Milk Regulation Board must adopt regulations to assure milk produced in the state is of at least standard quality and that state residents have an adequate and regular supply. The board may, by regulation, establish inspection standards for the facilities and processes necessary for the production, handling, storage, and manufacture of retail raw milk, retail raw milk cheese, butter, cheese, dry milk, whey, concentrated milk, condensed milk, single service fluid milk enclosures, and milk products.

Of the eight appointed members, two must be actively engaged in milk processing, two must be actively engaged in selling and distributing milk, two must be actively engaged in producing milk, and two must not have an active or financial interest in producing milk. The agriculture and public health commissioners are *ex officio* members.

<i>Membership:</i> 10 members	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor appoints eight	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Coterminous:</i> Yes
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Part time	<i>Paid:</i> \$75 for each day a member attends a meeting (up to \$750 per year per member)

Psychiatric Security Review Board (CGS § 17a-581)

The board holds hearings to determine the appropriate level of supervision and treatment for people acquitted of crimes due to a mental disease or defect. Depending on the danger an individual poses, it may order confinement in a maximum-security facility or psychiatric hospital, approve temporary leaves and conditional releases, or transfer custody to the Department of Developmental Services. In addition, the board makes court recommendations when an acquittee petitions to be discharged from supervision.

<i>Membership:</i> Six members	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years; members' terms are staggered	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by the governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Part time	<i>Paid:</i> If a state employee, actual and necessary travel and other expenses; others also receive \$75 per diem

Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (CGS § 16-2, as amended by PA 11-80)

The authority elects one of the three directors as its chairperson. He or she, with the approval of the energy and environmental protection commissioner, is responsible for prescribing the duties of the staff assigned to the authority. The chairperson assigns matters coming before the department, such as utility rates cases, to panels of one or more directors. Electric, gas, water, telephone, and cable television companies are in the department's jurisdiction.

<i>Membership:</i> Five members, no more than three from the same political party	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years; members' terms are staggered	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Both chambers	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Full time	<i>Paid:</i> Yes

Thames River Valley Flood Control Commission (CGS §§ 25-101 and -102)

The commission is established under the Thames River Valley Flood Control Compact formed by Connecticut and Massachusetts. It promotes interstate comity, assures adequate storage capacity for impounding river waters to protect against flooding, and creates a joint agency to control flooding cooperatively. Massachusetts and Connecticut each appoint three members.

<i>Membership:</i> Three members from Connecticut	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Six years; members' terms are staggered	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Senate	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Part time	<i>Paid:</i> Reimbursed for necessary expenses

Workers' Compensation Commission Advisory Board (CGS § 31-280a)

The board, made up equally of members representing employees and employers, advises the workers' compensation chairperson on workers' compensation policy and operations. It must submit written recommendations regarding the reappointment of each workers' compensation commissioner to the governor and the legislature at least three months before the end of the commissioner's term.

<i>Membership:</i> Eight members	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor	
<i>Term:</i> Four years; members' terms are staggered	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Both chambers	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Part time	<i>Paid:</i> Reimbursed for necessary expenses

HIGHER EDUCATION BOARDS

Confirmation Process

Gubernatorial appointments to the boards of trustees of the constituent units of the state system of higher education and the Board for State Academic Awards are subject to the department head confirmation process (CGS § [4-9c](#)).

Board of Regents for Higher Education (PA 11-48, §§ 211 and 213)

The board makes policies and rules for governing the Connecticut State University System, the community-technical college system, and Charter Oak State College and prepares a consolidated budget request for these constituent units. For each institution in its jurisdiction, the board, among other things, appoints and removes a chief executive, sets tuition and fees, and develops a mission statement. The commissioners of economic and community development, education, labor, and public health are *ex officio*, non-voting members of the board.

<i>Membership:</i> 19 members	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor appoints nine	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Four top legislative leaders appoint one each	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Students elect two members	
<i>Term:</i> Six years for gubernatorial appointments, four years for legislative appointments, two years for students; members' terms are staggered	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Part time	<i>Paid:</i> Reimbursed for necessary expenses

New England Board of Higher Education (CGS §§ 10a-62 and 10a-63)

The board administers the New England Higher Education Compact, including the New England Regional Student Program, which enables students to pay in-state tuition at colleges in compact states that provide programs their home-state colleges do not. The board also prepares reports on higher education issues affecting New England.

<i>Membership:</i> Eight members	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor appoints two members	
<i>Appointed by:</i> House speaker and Senate president pro tempore each appoint three members, one of whom must be a member of their respective chambers	
<i>Term:</i> Six years (gubernatorial appointees) or two years (legislative appointees)	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Both chambers confirm governor's appointees	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Part time	<i>Paid:</i> \$20 per day plus actual expenses

University of Connecticut Board of Trustees (CGS §§ 10a-103, 10a-104)

The board makes policies and rules for governing the university. It develops a mission statement for the university, including the role and scope of each branch campus. It establishes schools, colleges, divisions, and departments within the university. It oversees the financing and construction of UConn 2000 and 21st Century UConn projects. The board coordinates branch and institutional services and programs and makes recommendations to the Board of Governors of Higher Education on closing or merging campuses. It reviews and approves annual budget requests for submission to the board of governors and sets university tuition and fees.

<i>Membership:</i> 21 members	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor appoints 12 (four must be alumni)	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Students elect two members	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Alumni elect two members	
<i>Appointed by:</i> The governor; the commissioners of agriculture, education, and economic and community development; and the chair of the UConn Health Center Board of Directors are <i>ex officio</i> members	
<i>Term:</i> Six years for appointed members, four years for elected alumni, two years for students; members' terms are staggered	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Either chamber, as determined by governor	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Part time	<i>Paid:</i> Reimbursed for necessary expenses

QUASI-PUBLIC AGENCIES

Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) (PA 11-84)

CAA is responsible for developing, improving, and operating Bradley International Airport, the state's five other general aviation airports, and any other general aviation airports CAA acquires, manages, and operates. CAA's powers include acquiring property, borrowing money, issuing bonds, charging rents and fees, and hiring employees. CAA's 11-member board consists of three *ex officio* members, four members appointed by the governor and four by legislative leaders. The state treasurer and transportation and economic and community development commissioners are *ex-officio* members of the authority.

<i>Membership:</i> 11 members	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor appoints four	
<i>Appointed by:</i> The four top legislative leaders each appoint one member	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor appoints the chairperson for a four-year term	
<i>Term:</i> Four years	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Both chambers	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Part time	<i>Paid:</i> Reimbursed for necessary expenses

Connecticut Health and Education Facilities Authority, Chairperson (CGS § 10a-179)

The agency provides financing to nonprofit colleges and health care institutions to support construction of facilities such as dormitories, academic buildings, athletic facilities, clinics, hospitals, and laboratories. The legislature must confirm only the appointment of a board member as chairperson. The state treasurer and secretary of the Office of Policy and Management are *ex officio* members of the authority.

<i>Membership:</i> 10 members	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor appoints eight	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor appoints chairperson	
<i>Term:</i> Five years	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Chairperson, by both chambers	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Part time	<i>Paid:</i> Reimbursed for necessary expenses

**Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority,
Chairperson (CGS § 10a-224)**

The agency makes direct loans to college students and their parents to help finance the costs of undergraduate and graduate education. The legislature must confirm only the appointment of a board member as chairperson. The state treasurer, secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, and commissioner of higher education are *ex officio* members of the authority.

<i>Membership:</i> Eight members	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor appoints five	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor appoints chairperson	
<i>Term:</i> Six years	<i>Coterminous:</i> No
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Both chambers	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Part time	<i>Paid:</i> Reimbursed for necessary expenses

**Connecticut Lottery Corporation Board of Directors (CGS § 12-802,
as amended by PA 11-51)**

The corporation operates the state lottery. Gubernatorial appointees are subject to legislative confirmation. The consumer protection commissioner cannot serve on the board. The state treasurer and the secretary of the Office of Policy and Management are *ex-officio* members of the board.

<i>Membership:</i> 13 members	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor appoints five members	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Six top legislative leaders appoint one each	
<i>Term:</i> Four years (gubernatorial) or two years (legislative)	<i>Coterminous:</i> Yes
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Gubernatorial appointees are confirmed by both chambers	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Part time	<i>Paid:</i> Reimbursed for necessary expenses

**Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority (CGS §§ 22a-261 and -
262)**

The authority must plan, design, build and operate solid waste disposal, volume reduction, recycling, intermediate processing, and resources recovery facilities. The chairperson, with approval of the board of directors, appoints the president of the authority, who supervises the authority's administrative affairs and technical activities. Three directors must represent towns with a population of 50,000 or less. Two directors must represent towns with a population greater than 50,000. Three directors must have experience in finance, business, or industry. One

director must have experience in an environmental field and one must have experience in an energy field. The legislature must also confirm the appointment of a board member as chairperson.

<i>Membership:</i> 11 directors	
<i>Appointed by:</i> Governor appoints three directors and designates chairperson	
<i>Appointed by:</i> The four top legislative leaders appoint two directors each	
<i>Term:</i> Four years; members' terms are staggered	<i>Coterminous:</i> Directors, no, Chairperson, yes
<i>Confirmed by:</i> Both chambers	
<i>Full or Part Time:</i> Part time	<i>Paid:</i> Reimbursed for expenses

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